

**November 8, 2005 Special State Election
Questions & Answers**

Q. A state officeholder controls three committees, one formed for the current term of office, a re-election committee and a general purpose ballot measure committee. If one of the committees must file a supplemental independent expenditure report or a supplemental pre-election report, must the other committees also file a statement?

A. No. Only the committee that triggers the reporting of a supplemental campaign statement must file.

Q. A trade association sponsors two committees one of which is a small contributor committee. If one of the committees must file a supplemental independent expenditure report or a supplemental pre-election report, must the other committee also file a report?

A. No. Only the committee that triggers the reporting of a supplemental campaign statement must file.

Q. A state legislator files committee campaign statements electronically with the Secretary of State. If the legislator makes a late contribution of \$1,000 or more during the late contribution reporting period (16 days before the election) to a committee primarily formed for the special election, must a paper copy also be filed?

A. Yes. In addition to e-filing, paper copies must also be filed with the Secretary of State, and the committee's county of domicile. Only late contribution reports "received" by the state officeholder do not require a paper copy.

Q. If a state general purpose recipient committee makes contributions to another general purpose recipient committee, other than a political party, what filing requirements are triggered?

A. A general purpose committee should use the 2005 special election calendar only if it is making contributions to a committee primarily formed for the special election or is making independent expenditures in connection with the special election. For activity not in connection with the special election, refer to the 2005 calendar year filing schedule for reporting requirements.

Q. If contributions are made to a political party committee (state or county central committee), are there reporting requirements in connection with the special election?

A. If contributions totaling \$1,000 or more are made to or received by a political party committee (state or county central committee) during the 16-day period prior to any state election (including the special election), both the committee making the contribution and the political party committee must file a late contribution report within 24 hours. No other pre-election or supplemental reports are triggered by these contributions.